Provision of coal handling plants

1789. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose of providing coal handling plants at different loading points/pitheads of coal mines;

(b) whether there is any provision in the CHP to separate stones, shales and bands, to improve the quality;

(c) whether it is a fact that CHPs are meant for sizing the coal only; and

(d) if so, whether the quality of coal is likely to further deteriorate in the process to sizing/crashing of coal without eliminating stones, shales, bands etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) The coal handling plants as constructed near the pitheads/loading points usually have the following facilities:—

(i) To provide picking arrangements for removal of stones and other extraneous materials.

(ii) To arrange crushing and screening facilities to obtain required size fraction.

(iii) To provide adequate storage of raw coal.

(iv) To provide facilities for loading into Railway wagons or trucks for despatch to consumer.

Removal of stones, shales, bands etc. is undertaken during the process of mining to the extent feasible as well as in picking belts of the CHP wherever such arrangement is required befor feeding the coal to crushers. As such further deterioration of coal quality during crushing does not arise.

ईस्टर्न कोल फील्डस लिमिटेड के लिए अनुमोदित कोयला परियोजनाएं

1790. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान ईस्टर्न कोल फील्ड्स लिमिटेड के लिए कौन-कौन सी परियोजनाएं अनुमोदित की गई हैं ;

(ख) उक्त योजना के दौरान कोयला उत्पादन हेतु क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ईस्टर्न कोल फील्ड्स लिमिटेड की कुल कोयला खानों को बंद करने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) इसके वार्षिक उत्पादन पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ?